

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on March 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 123, 3/10/2017  
HB 400, 3/10/2017  
HB 517, 3/10/2017

Executive Action: HJ 6 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED  
HB 400 - TABLED  
HB 469 - BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 495 - BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 476 - BE CONCURRED IN

00:00:42      Recess  
00:09:30      Reconvene  
  
00:09:31      Sen. Olszewski left the hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 123**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:50      Rep. Amanda Curtis (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 123, Require certain insurance disclosures to minimize surprise bills.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs59a01\)](#)**

00:13:15      Sen. Sands entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:03      Kendall Cotton, policy administrator, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs59a02\)](#)**

00:16:57      Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

00:17:56      Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs59a03\)](#)**

00:18:45      Sen. Gross entered the hearing.

00:20:23      Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana; Bozeman Health; St. Peter's Hospital, Helena

00:21:10      Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**[EXHIBIT\(phs59a04\)](#)**

00:22:20      Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:25      John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

00:25:40      Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:28:14      Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

00:33:35      Eve Franklin, Montana Optometric Association; Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians; Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

00:36:09      Marti Wangen, Montana Podiatric Association; Montana Psychological Association

00:37:12      David Hemion, executive director, Montana Dental Association

00:39:08      Brian Thompson, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:34 Sen. C. Smith  
00:42:47 Mr. Cotton, CSI  
00:43:50 Sen. C. Smith  
00:46:24 Mr. Doran, BCBSMT  
00:46:49 Sen. C. Smith  
00:47:10 Mr. Cotton  
00:49:01 Sen. C. Smith  
00:51:04 Mr. Olsen, MHA  
00:51:18 Sen. Gross  
00:55:23 Rep. Curtis  
00:56:08 Sen. Gross

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:41 Rep. Curtis

**HEARING ON HB 400**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:15 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 400, Require disclosure of health care prices.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

**HEARING ON HB 517**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:00:21 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 517, Require DPHHS to develop a strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect.

01:00:57 Sen. Caferro entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:56 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:08:22 Laura Smith, deputy director, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:40 Sen. Sands

01:11:51 Rep. Dudik

01:12:26 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:36 Rep. Dudik

01:13:59 Recess

01:27:10 Reconvene

01:27:11 Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Olszewski were not present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6**

01:27:46 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:27:53 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HJ 6 BE AMENDED.**

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs59a05\)\*\*](#)

**Discussion:**

01:28:29 Sen. Moore

01:28:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy.

01:29:06 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:29:13 Sen. Sands

01:29:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 400**

01:30:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 400 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy.

01:30:48 Senator Gross and Senator Caferro entered the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 469**

01:31:20 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 469 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:31:39 Sen. Gross  
01:33:03 Sen. Sands  
01:33:36 Chair Howard  
01:33:42 Sen. Sands  
01:33:47 Sen. Caferro  
01:33:59 Sen. Sands  
01:34:10 Sen. Gross  
01:34:47 Sen. Sands

01:35:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 495**

01:35:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 495 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Caferro will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 476**

01:36:56 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 476 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:37:30 Sen. Sands  
01:38:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.  
01:38:23 Sen. Sands

**Committee Business:**

01:39:27 Chair Howard  
01:39:35 Sen. C. Smith  
01:40:32 Sen. Sands  
01:40:50 Sen. C. Smith  
01:40:55 Sen. Moore  
01:41:24 Sen. Hinebauch  
01:41:51 Sen. C. Smith  
01:43:09 Sen. Sands  
01:43:32 Sen. Hinebauch  
01:43:48 Sen. C. Smith  
01:46:00 Sen. Gross

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:44 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

**Additional Document**

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**EXHIBIT**([phs59aad.pdf](#))